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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SHIPMENT OF MILITARY
COMMUNICATIONS-RELATED EQUIPMENT

REF: A. STATE 66678
[B](#). ANKARA 934

Classified By: EUR/PRA Director Kathleen Morenski, Acting.
Reason 1.4 (b), (c), and (d).

[1](#)1. (S) This is an immediate action request to Embassy
Ankara. Please see paragraph 3.

BACKGROUND

[1](#)2. (S/NF) In late June we informed the Government of Turkey
(GOT) that there had been a shipment that month of 18
military communications-related Mercedes Benz vehicles from
Iran via Turkey that were destined for Syria. We alerted the
GOT that the shipment will possibly be followed by a shipment
of electronic suites associated with these trucks (Ref A).
The GOT agreed to immediately pass the information to
relevant agencies in order to prevent the electronic suites
from transiting Turkey (Ref B). We want to provide
additional information that the electronic suites are
currently en route to Syria and will travel through Turkey,
crossing from Turkey to Syria sometime between 4 and 6 July,
likely at the Kilis border crossing.

ACTION REQUEST

[1](#)3. (S) Drawing from the points in paragraph 5, which may be
left as a non-paper, post is requested to immediately
approach appropriate-level Turkish officials with this
additional information and request that they investigate this
activity, and if the cargo is found to be in violation of
UNSCR 1747 that the Government of Turkey (GOT) use all
available means to prevent the transshipment of these
electronic suites and detain it.

OBJECTIVES

[1](#)4. (S) Post should seek to achieve the following:

- Provide Turkish officials with the additional information
regarding Iran's shipment of the electronic suites associated
with the military communications-related trucks to Syria;
- Inform the GOT that the electronic suites are currently en
route to Syria through Turkey, crossing from Turkey to Syria
sometime between 4 and 6 July, likely at the Kilis crossing;
- Emphasize to the Turkish officials that UN Security
Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1747, paragraph 5, prohibits Iran
from transferring any arms or related materiel;
- Urge the GOT to take action against this shipment pursuant

to UNSCR 1747, and in accordance with the GOT's laws and authorities;

-- Thank the GOT for its willingness to be vigilant in investigating suspect shipments from Iran, to interdict them and take positive action with regard to other earlier requests on other shipments. As a NATO ally, we try to provide Turkey with as much information as possible on these issues, which could help lead them to take action in detaining shipments; and

-- Emphasize that, should we receive additional information regarding this shipment, we will provide it as expeditiously as possible.

TALKING POINTS/NON-PAPER

15. (S//REL TURKEY)) Begin talking points/non-paper:

-- We have information that in early June, Iran transported eighteen (18) military communications-related Mercedes Benz vehicles to Syria via Turkey.

-- We have additional information that the electronic suites associated with these trucks are currently en route to Syria and will travel through Turkey, crossing from Turkey to Syria sometime between 4 and 6 July, likely at the Kilis crossing.

-- These electronic suites are approximately 4 meters long, 2 meters wide and have an entry door on one end.

-- We are sharing this information with you, and are requesting your help to prevent such transfers of proliferation concern, and to ensure that Iran does not transfer items proscribed by UN Security Council resolutions 1737, 1747, and 1803 through your territory.

-- We believe these items constitute arms or related materiel and are covered by UNSCR 1747.

-- UNSCR 1747, paragraph 5, prohibits Iran from supplying, selling or transferring from its territory any arms or related materiel. It also requires all states to prohibit the procurement of such items from Iran by their nationals, or using their flag vessels or aircraft, and whether or not such transfers originated in the territory of Iran.

-- In the spirit of this resolution, we request you be alert for possible shipments of the electronic suites across your borders and stop them from being transferred to Syria.

-- We deeply appreciate the Government of Turkey's continued cooperation, support, and willingness to enact prompt and thorough efforts to promote interdictions designed to prevent the transfer of sensitive material by Iran.

END POINTS

REPORTING REQUIREMENT

16. (U) Post is requested to please report results of its efforts as soon as possible.

POINTS OF CONTACT

17. (U) Washington points of contact for follow-up are Michael Rolleri, ISN/CATR, and Matt Hardiman, EUR/PRA.
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